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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0552

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINS MILI AO

SUBJECT: ANGOLA SITREP AND REQUEST FOR C RATIONS

1. FROM APRIL 28 TO MAY 2 LUANDA WAS THE SCENE OF ANOTHER ROUND OF SERIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN TWO OF THE THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION ARMIES. FIGHTING WAS HEAVY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN AREAS, WITH MORTARS, RPGS AND BAZOOKAS BEING FREELY EMPLOYED. THE DEATH TOLL IS THOUGHT TO BE BETWEEN 400 AND 500, MOSTLY BLACK CIVILIANS. HEAVY FIGHTING ALSO SPREAD TO THE EUROPEAN SECTORS. THE SITUATION IN LUANDA IS PRESENTLY CALM BUT FURTHER OUTBREAKS OF FIGHTING COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME.

2. AS A RESULT OF THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY, THE EVACUATION OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPENDENTS WAS ORDERED MAY 2 AND THE EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS OF OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ANGOLA WAS RECOMMENDED. MOST AMCIT DEPENDENTS HAVE ALREADY LEFT VIA COMMERCIAL AIR TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE U.S.

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3. WE ARE PREPARING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR EVACUATION AND STANDFAST

SCENARIOS. DURING PREVIOUS USN VISITS WE HAVE RECEIVED LARGE AMOUNTS OF "C"-RATIONS, WHICH WE HAVE STOCKPILED FOR EMERGENCIES. WE NOW FIND IT NECESSARY TO STOCK THREE ALTERNATE LOCATIONS WITH FOOD AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD GIVE US A SUPPLY. WE COULD UTILIZE AT LEAST 50 ADDITIONAL CASES.

4. MOCAMEDES, WHICH IS A SMALL, ISOLATED TOWN, HAS SO FAR AVOIDED MOST OF THE VIOLENCE. HOWEVER, ALL THREE LIBERATION GROUPS HAVE OFFICERS AND TROOPS IN THE CITY. FOR THIS REASON THE PORTUGUESE NAVY HAS DIRECTED THERE BE NO LIBERTY UNLESS THE PORT CAPTAIN AUTHORIZES IT. ALL LIBERTY PARTIES ARE TO BE IN SMALL GROUPS, IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. WE WILL SEND A CONSULAR OFFICER THERE TO COORDINATE WITH THE PORT CAPTAIN AND THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMMANDER.

5. THE CONSULAR OFFICER WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A DINNER ON BOARD FOR THE LOCAL DIGNITARIES. HE WILL COORDINATE THIS WITH YOU AFTER ARRIVAL.

6. WE WILL NOT GIVE ANY PUBLICITY TO THIS VISIT NOR DO WE PLAN TO SUGGEST A PUBLIC TOUR OF THE SHIPS.

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